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COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3,
1975

REF: A) ROME 13155; B) STATE 187146

1. ALTHOUGH WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICIALS IN LATEST READING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, WERE STILL HOPEFUL THAT VIETNAM ISSUES WILL
NOT COME TO FORE IN THIS SESSION, WE WOULD BE
SURPRISED IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK IF
THEY DO NOT. SWEDISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO SAID IN PRIVATE
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SENT NO
INSTRUCTIONS ON ISSUE, BUT IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT
SWEDEN PLAYED TRICKY ROLE ON ISSUE IN 27TH SESSION IN MARCH 1975.

2. AS IN 27TH SESSION, VIETNAM ISSUES ARE MOST LIKELY TO
ARISE IN DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ON FIRST DAY, AND ON 6TH AGENDA
ITEM, WHICH CAME UP ON AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY IN LAST
SESSION BUT MAY COME UP LATER THIS TIME IF AGEND ITEM 5 IS
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GIVEN PRIORITY. BOTH WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY.

DIORY OF SENEGAL, WHO LED IN PROPOSALS FAVORING NORTH VIETNAM IN PREVIOUS SESSION, IS EXPECTED AS SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN TO CHAIR MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE IN ABSENCE OF FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN FROM ENTIRE SESSION. OTHER MEMBERS OF SENEGAL DELEGATION ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AS DIFFICULT AS HE ON THIS ISSUE, SINCE HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ACTING, AS HE HAS FREQUENTLY, OUT OF PERSONAL CONVICTION RATHER THAN ON BASIS OF GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS. BEST OF POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE THAT DIORY WOULD BE TIED UP CHAIRING COMMITTEE OF WHOLE AND UNABLE TO SPEAK ON VIETNAM QUESTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6. AS IN 27TH SESSION, HOWEVER, HE PROBABLY WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE UNDER ITEM 6 OR OTHER ITEMS.

3. WE BELIEVE POLICY GUIDANCE ON VIETNAM IN REF B IS ADEQUATE FOR THIS SESSION. WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN IN TERMS OF ACTION WOULD BE GRANTING AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFP TO APPROVE PROJECT FOR NORTH VIETNAM, DESPITE ITS LACK OF MEMBERSHIP IN UN AND FAO, IF PROJECT WERE OTHERWISE WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE (REF A). APART FROM QUESTION OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN, HOWEVER, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT VIETNAM ISSUE COULD CONSUME TIME OF SESSION AND EMBITTER ATMOSPHERE AS IN PREVIOUS SESSION, RE-HASHING NEW YORK DEBATE ON VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP QUESTION AND DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY'S SEPT. 1 SPEECH AND UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. SUGGEST THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO PREPARATION FOR DEBATE ON VIETNAM ISSUE--E.G., LATEST STATEMENTS FROM NEW YORK, REVIEW OF LEGAL POSITION ON LIBERATED AREAS USED IN 25TH AND 26TH SESSION, AND IF POSSIBLE SOME CONTINGENCY DRAFTS. VOLPE

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